

ALLOWANCE

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on October 1, 2008 and November 19, 2008 has been entered.

2. Applicants' amendment filed November 19, 2008 is acknowledged and has been entered. Claims 2-16, 19-22, 35-115 and 118 have been canceled. Claims 1, 17 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1, 17, 18, 23-34, 116 and 117 are now pending in the present application. The amendments to Table 4, CRF and RSL have been entered.

3. Claims 1, 17, 18, 23-34, 116 and 117 have been allowed and have been renumbered 1-17 respectively.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose or teach the claimed isolated human antibody that specifically binds BoNT/A, wherein said antibody comprises the specifically claimed variable heavy domain (specific CDRs and corresponding SEQ ID NOs) and/or specifically claimed variable light domain (specific CDRs and corresponding SEQ ID NOs). Any comments considered necessary by applicant

must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to N. M. Minnifield whose telephone number is 571-272-0860. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-5:30) Second Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Mondesi can be reached on 571-272-0956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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